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**PRIZE PUMPKINS . . .** This giant-sized pumpkin hasn't got a ghost of a chance of surviving the Halloween season. Little Dickie Alves and Mary Garrison, Halldale School students, give the melon the once-over before it's carved up for a Jack-O-Lantern. The pair are members of a play cast who will celebrate Halloween tomorrow with a carnival at the school.

## Sister Dies Of 'Empty Gun' Shot

### Past Elections Give Torrance To Demos 3-2

If Torrance holds true to form, it will be Stevenson by three-to-two next Tuesday when the largest number of voters ever to visit the polls here will cast their ballots.

Torrance went for Harry Truman by 3404 votes over 2281 for Thomas E. Dewey in 1948.

At that time, Torrance had the whopping total of 7765 registered voters for the last presidential election.

Eligible to cast their votes at the polls next Tuesday will be 16,610 Torrance residents. And they will find 56 polling places in the city, as compared to 25 for the 1948 general election and only 19 for the 1948 primaries. Torrance had one precinct in 1920, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

#### Many Choices

On the ballot Tuesday, local workers will find they have a choice of four presidential electors, two Congressional candidates, a candidate for the 67th Assembly District, several judicial offices including Office No. 2 of the South Bay Municipal Court, 24 state ballot propositions, and three County Ballot propositions.

Hottest campaign of the area has been the battle between Congressman Cecil R. King, the Democratic incumbent, and his Republican opponent, Attorney Bob Finch.

Finch, the first Republican to win a nomination against Congressman King, has waged a ceaseless campaign in an effort to unseat the veteran legislator next Tuesday.

The Herald has one unqualified prediction: Assemblyman Vincent Thomas is almost a sure bet to be returned to the State Legislature from the 67th Assembly District. He is unopposed on Tuesday's ballot.

#### Another Hot One

Another hot local battle has been shaping up in the race between Torrance City Judge Otto B. Willett and Manhattan Beach Judge D. Clifford Higgins for Office No. 2 of the newly created South Bay Municipal Court. Judge John A. Shidler won the right to Office No. 1 in the June primary.

Most confusing to the city's 16,000 voters will be the 24 ballot propositions on the ballot. Receiving the most attention are Proposition No. 3, which has been endorsed by most church, educational and civic leaders of the State, and Propositions No. 10 and 11, which have been opposed by virtually every city and civic organization.

Election board officials will probably be resting up this week-end, because Tuesday's chore of ballot tallying looks from here like one of the toughest jobs in many years.

The Herald will have up-to-date returns available throughout the night following the election. For information about the local picture, call Torrance 444.

### Boy Held In Fatal Shooting Of Sister

Fourteen-year-old Joe Allen Drew yesterday was being detained in juvenile hall by police following the tragic shooting of his younger sister with an "unloaded" gun in the bedroom of their home Sunday night.

Sheriff's detectives said they were holding the youth on a charge of "lacking parental supervision" while they awaited the outcome of a coroner's inquest slated to be held in Los Angeles today.

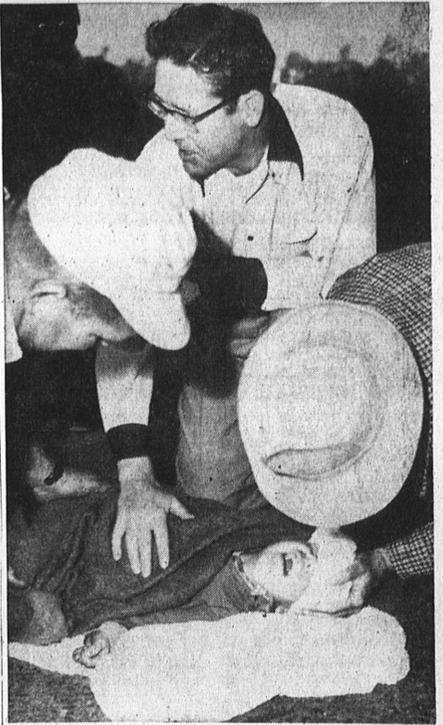
#### Dies in Hospital

Thelma Louise Drew died shortly after noon on Monday, some 15 hours after a .32 caliber bullet was fired into her head. Thelma was the youngest of the five children of Mrs. Bertha Drew, 38, a widow. Her husband, William, died in a traffic accident.

According to the story told police by the boy, he and his sister were at their home at 22320 S. Main St. watching television. He went into a bedroom and obtained a 765 mm. foreign pistol owned by his mother.

The youth said his sister left the TV set and walked to the bedroom door, apparently to see what he was doing. He told that he playfully aimed the gun at her and she cried out: "Joe, don't shoot."

He said the cry startled him, his life.



**STRUCK BY AUTO . . .** Little Robert Roberts, 4½, son of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Pycatt, is comforted after he was critically injured when he was struck by a car in front of his home Tuesday evening. With him are his father, center, Glen Mower, left, and an unidentified passerby. Mower witnessed the accident. Robert suffered critical head injuries and both arms broken.

## Mother Watches As Son Struck By Auto

A four-year-old boy is in critical condition at Torrance Hospital suffering injuries received when he darted in front of a car in front of his home as his horrified mother looked on.

Robert Roberts, son of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Pycatt, suffered a serious head injury and two broken arms as he was struck by an auto Tuesday evening. The lad ran across the street to greet his mother who was standing on the front porch of their home at 894 Corise Ave.

Driving the car which hit the lad was Mrs. Veda A. Peer, 53, of 2411 Avenida Atzada, Hollywood Riviera. Mrs. Peer told Torrance police officer Harvey Turrentine that she did not see the boy until after her car had struck him.

Mrs. Pycatt had to be taken to a private physician where she was treated for shock and hysteria. The boy's stepfather, Dr. Pycatt, also was home at the time.

Doctors yesterday were attempting to determine the exact extent of Robert's head injuries.

## THS Girl Hurt As Bike Cracks Into Automobile

A Torrance High School girl, Arlene Pash, 16, of 17231 Glenburn Ave., received minor injuries yesterday afternoon when the bicycle she was riding crashed into a car in downtown Torrance.

Arlene told Officer Jim Thompson that she was riding on Sartori Ave. when a car driven by Mrs. Neva Tumilowitz, 39, of 20413 New Hampshire Ave., backed out from the curb.

## Police Set To Pull Curtain On Big Show

The police are ready and so's the show, officials of the Torrance Police Association claim as they prepare to pull the curtain on their 15th annual vaudeville show Saturday night at the Torrance High School auditorium.

A benefit one-night performance, the show is designed strictly for the audience, according to Sgt. Bill Evans, who is handling details for the police association.

Proceeds will benefit the Torrance Auxiliary Police, an organization of teen-aged boys and girls who learn police activities while engaging in many recreational events.

Opening Saturday's show will be Master of Ceremonies Robert Ross. Acts signed by Neal Abel, supervising the production for Fanchon and Marco, agents, include the Excellos, an acrobatic balance trio; Irene Kays, an entertainer who appeared with Ken Murray's Hollywood "Blackouts"; Charles Carrer, "King of the Acrobats"; "Top attraction, if one can be singled out, Sgt. Evans says, is the team of Benny Ross and Maxine Stone, a musical comedy duo who appeared in the French Polies Bergere and once appeared before the King and Queen of England.

## Three Nominated For Good Neighbor Title

Three Torrance residents have been nominated for the title of "Good Neighbor" to reign over the YMCA Good Neighbor breakfast in the Civic Auditorium on Nov. 15.

Stan Roberts, executive secretary of the Torrance YMCA, announced yesterday that he had received nominations for:

Mr. LeRoy Snodgrass, 1614 Beech Ave.

Mrs. Vera Wright, 18328 Roslin Ave.

Mrs. Ralph Moore, 1916 Marina Ave.

Deadline for nominations has been set for Nov. 8. Roberts reminded Torrance residents. Nominations may be sent to the Torrance YMCA at Box 33, Torrance.

**Final Plans Due**

The breakfast committee headed by Robert I. Plomert Jr. will hold its final meeting next Monday morning to arrange final plans for the annual Good Neighbor breakfast.

Arrangements to have the feeding facilities set up as last year so there will be absolutely no waiting in line for flapjacks, sausage, orange juice, or coffee are being worked out, according to B. T. Whitney, in charge of the serving.

Tickets for the annual breakfast, selling at 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for kids, are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Torrance Herald, Gay Shop, Bernard's Shoe Store, Levy Department Store, Allen Jewelers, National Home Appliance, Torrance Men's Shop, Mayflower Dress Shop, Lawson's Jewelers, Neia's Tois and Teens, Squire Style Shop, Schultz and Peckham, Trend O' Fashion and Treske's Men's Wear.

Tickets may also be obtained at the YMCA or from any member of the Board of Directors.

Proceeds of the breakfast will be used to keep the YMCA program alive for the boys and young men of Torrance, according to Plomert.

## Local Executive Safe as Plane Crashes In Rome

Cables to his family and business associates here yesterday reported that Meral W. Hinshaw, vice-president of the Felker Manufacturing Co., had arrived safely in Johannesburg, South Africa, following a crash landing in Rome earlier aboard one of Britain's eight-mile-a-minute Comet jet airliners.

Hinshaw, who is making a trip to South Africa for his company, was aboard the plane as it raced into the air off Rome's Ciampino Airport Sunday night, wobbled momentarily, and then smashed back to earth in a belly landing.

None of the 35 passengers with Hinshaw or the six crew members was hurt, dispatches from Italy said.

Officials of British Overseas Airways said the four-engine jet had lifted a foot or two off the ground and was going about 120 m.p.h. when it pancaked back to earth.

Hinshaw, who lives at 1412 Cota Ave., left Torrance Oct. 22. He expects to return about Dec. 1.

## Manager's Office In Frenzy Over Late Addition

Things were in a dither around the city manager's offices Monday—and it wasn't pre-election frenzy.

City Manager George Stevens became a poppa, as Mrs. Stevens presented him with a 7-pound, 6-ounce baby boy Sunday, 1:30 a.m., at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

The couple, who have a daughter, Debbie, 5, named their latest addition Billy.



**HEADLINERS . . .** Benny Ross and Maxine Stone, a comedy duo which once appeared before the King and Queen of England, are on ten top acts slated to be staged at the 15th Annual Torrance Police Show Saturday night at the Torrance High School auditorium. Tickets can be purchased from any officer.